

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 293-2012

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager

DATE:

November 12. 2012

SUBJECT: October Planning Board Discussion Items

On October 30, 2012, the Planning Board adopted the attached resolutions, and passed a separate motion, requesting that the City Commission refer the following items to an upcoming agenda of the Land Use and Development Committee:

- 1) Zoning and planning initiatives for the North Beach area, including Ordinance Amendments for parking requirements, as well as development regulations.
- 2) Transit enhancements for North Beach.
- 3) The application of parking impact fees to satisfy hotel parking requirements outside of historic districts.

The Administration recommends that the Commission provide any appropriate policy direction on these matters, including a referral to the Land Use and Development Committee for review and consideration.

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C: Jorge G. Gomez, Assistant City Manager Jose Smith, City Attorney Gary Held, First Assistant City Attorney

Richard G. Lorber, Acting Planning Director

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CITY OF MIAMI BEACH PLANNING BOARD

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach Planning Board serves in an advisory capacity to the City Commission and other City Boards on issues affecting planning, design and development in the City, and under its Powers and Duties in the City Code is tasked to insure a high degree of aesthetics and promote quality in construction and design of buildings and structures so as to enhance the value of property and the physical environment of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board strongly supports the efforts of the City to promote and enhance the unique social and architectural history of the North Beach area, particularly as it pertains to the retention, preservation and adaptive re-use of 'Contributing' structures in the North Beach area, including the efforts of the City to maintain, preserve and protect its historic buildings and architecture as valuable historical, educational and visual resources for its residents and visitors, particularly as it pertains to historic 'MiMo' architecture in the North Beach area; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board strongly supports efforts to increase the availability of public parking, incentivize hotel development and provide appropriate design direction for the rehabilitation of existing, character defining 'MiMo' buildings and structures in the North Beach area; and

WHEREAS, modifications to the City Code and Design Guidelines, as well as the creation of tangible incentives to preserve the unique character and sense of place in North Beach, are necessary to achieve the above.

THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Planning Board urges the City of Miami Beach City Commission to refer the following items to the Land Use and Development Committee for further discussion and action:

- 1) Amending the Parking Ordinance to allow additions to contributing buildings in National Register districts to pay a one-time parking impact fee in the same manner as Local Historic Districts.
- 2) Amending the Parking Ordinance to reduce parking requirements for additions to 'Contributing' buildings in National Register historic districts.
- 3) Provide public parking in areas of greatest need.
- 4) Explore the creation of building permit incentives for substantially rehabilitated buildings.
- 5) Prepare design guidelines for the rehabilitation of and additions to MiMo architecture in order to streamline the development review process.
- 6) Amend the RM-1 zoning district with height and setback standards for new construction that are more compatible with the scale and character of the built environment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 30th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.

RANDY WEISBURD

Chair

Planning Board

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WHEREAS, the Planning Board strongly supports efforts to increase the availability of transit options in the North Beach area.

THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Planning Board urges the City of Miami Beach City Commission to refer to the Land Use and Development Committee a discussion item on transportation options in the North Beach Area, including a circulator bus for North Beach and better connector options for South, Middle and North Beach.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 30th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.

RANDY WEISBURD

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